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TO: ARA - Mr. Edwin Martin
FROM: S/P - W. W. Rostow
SUBJECT: Statement by the President.

If the President should speak on the nature of our non-invasion commitment, my suggestion is this.

In addition to his references to our OAS commitments and to his September 13 press conference, he should add a passage which either quotes from or makes reference to the January 34, 1962, address by Manuel Tello at the Punta del Este Conference. Mexico City 1469 of November 1 which indicates that Mexico is sticking with this line. The most relevant passages are those marked in red on pages 7 and 8.

The President might say something like the following, following upon his statement about invasion:

"This is the nature of our commitment about the use of force against the present government of Cuba but I should like to add a word. From the very beginnings of the common life of the states in this Hemisphere, our ties have transcended ties of mutual security. As the distinguished Foreign Minister of Mexico pointed out last January at the Punta del Este Conference, Bolivar, who initiated the concept of a regional organization in the Hemisphere, founded upon the distinction between the democratic creed and the concept of absolute monarchy. He went on to say: 'Today we rather oppose democracy to totalitarianism, but the conceptual contents is one and the same..... It therefore appears unquestionable that there is radical incompatibility between belonging to the Organization of American States and a Marxist-Leninist political avowal....' There is no question but that

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we in this Hemisphere look forward to the ending in Cuba of the regime which violates the fundamental human rights of the Cuban people, as those rights are understood in the deeply rooted democratic tradition which the nations of this Hemisphere hold in common."

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